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Steven Ford Promoted to Deputy Warden at Kentucky State Penitentiary

Frankfort, Ky. (August 27, 2015) – Kentucky Department of Corrections Commissioner LaDonna H. Thompson today announced the promotion of Steven Ford to deputy warden at Kentucky State Penitentiary (KSP) in Eddyville. His promotion is effective Sept. 1.

Ford began his career with the Department of Corrections in May 1997 as a correctional officer at the Green River Correctional Complex (GRCC). In 1999, he was promoted to sergeant and in 2001 he was promoted to lieutenant. In this role he was the yard supervisor, segregation supervisor, adjustment officer, and internal affairs officer.

In 2007, Ford was promoted to unit administrator I and three years later to unit administrator II. During his time in these positions, he was assigned to and supervised all of the housing units at GRCC. Ford remained active in security by supervising the Internal Affairs and Security Threat Group (STG) sections, in addition to his primary responsibilities.

"Steven Ford has worked in various capacities since joining the department in 1997," said Thompson. "He has demonstrated outstanding skills and dedication and I am confident that he will excel in his new position as deputy warden."

In 2010, Ford was assigned to oversee the conversion of an institutional dorm. He developed the plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the unit and worked closely with maintenance during the construction phase regarding all aspects of security.

"Steven Ford is a high caliber employee and demonstrates the necessary skills to facilitate KSP's continued success," said Warden Randy White. "He is a loyal and dedicated DOC employee and I am very excited for him to become part of our team."

Ford has been recognized with numerous awards during his career, including Employee of the Month, Supervisor of the Quarter, and Supervisor of the Year Award. He is a member of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency (KCCD) and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF).

A 22-year retired United States Army veteran, Ford served in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as other combat, operational, and peace-keeping deployments.

Editor's note: photo attached